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Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.
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MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the November 19, 2002 Official Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying to the Office Action for a period of three months up to and including March 19, 2003.

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